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SUBJECT: PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR GATES  
FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

QUOTE: YOU MAY BE FAR AWAY BUT YOUR FRIENDS ARE ALL  
THINKING OF YOU AND DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO BOTH OF YOU FOR  
HAVING UNDERTAKEN THIS ASSIGNMENT AT SUCH A CRITICALLY  
IMPORTANT TIME. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BOTH SOON.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS. HAPPY AND NELSON. END QUOTE.  
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